

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Roy Rood, who passed away on October 8. Roy was a longtime resident and the founding father of my hometown of Tequesta, Florida.

Mr. Rood was born in 1918 on a farm in Jupiter, Florida, one of 11 children. He spent his early years on the family dairy farm, where he learned the value of a hard day's work and love for working outside. The first Tequesta post office was located on his family's property and was placed on maps of that era as a settlement called "Rood."

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Roy joined the Navy, where he served with honor in World War II as an aviation mechanic on an aircraft carrier that was part of the fleet that participated in the Battle of Guam. Following the war, Roy returned home to Florida, where he started a landscaping business that continues today.

Over the past 60 years, Roy Rood helped found American Legion Post 271, the local Kiwanis Club, the First Bank of Jupiter, and the Jupiter Christian School.

The residents of Tequesta are lucky to call Roy Rood our founding father. He will be missed.

THE MEMPHIS TIGERS

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Tonight is going to be the sixth game of the World Series. Sports means money, business, and jobs. The St. Louis economy has been spurred on by the World Series to where they're not cutting employees because they have had increased sales tax. It's the same way with college sports.

I want to encourage all the Big East presidents to consider the University of Memphis for membership. Memphis is a major city. It is the home of Federal Express, International Paper, and other major companies. We don't have a professional football team in Memphis. So if we get in the Big East, in essence, you are our professional football team and the city would rally around it, unlike in Dallas and Houston, where they have professional teams. The Big East is known for basketball.

Rick Pitino, the coach of our rival, the University of Louisville, has suggested Memphis should be in the conference to keep the Big East as a primary basketball conference. What a great thing to see Memphis and Louisville again in a conference game.

We ought to be beyond just dollars—although Memphis can bring them—but also competitive rivalries that make the sport what it has been in the American appetite. I encourage the Big East to include the University of Memphis in its expansion plans.

SERGEANT ROBERT B. COWDREY

(Mr. TIPTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to rise in commendation of Sergeant Robert B. Cowdrey, who served our country with great honor and pride. Sergeant Cowdrey gave his life for our country on October 13 while attempting a helicopter rescue of his fellow soldiers under fire.

Sergeant Cowdrey was raised in La Junta, Colorado. He graduated from La Junta High School in 1990. He was a devoted outdoorsman and family man who enjoyed bow hunting. Cowdrey enlisted in the Army in 2003 and was serving his third tour of duty in Afghanistan at the time of his death. Sergeant Cowdrey's duties included flying into active combat zones to deliver medical assistance and rescue troops while under fire. He was highly decorated for his heroic service, earning the Bronze Star and two Army commendations for valor.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Cowdrey, a selfless American hero whose bravery and sacrifice for our country are examples of what makes this country great. My thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Jill, and their three sons, Justin, Jacob, and Nathan, and the entire Cowdrey family.

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JOB CREATION

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to rise to indicate that we have an opportunity to be good Americans and to be the kind of resilient, strong, patriotic Nation that all of us love. We love this country.

I gathered this morning with a group of leaders who addressed the question of working issues, union leaders. Every last one of them said, let us create jobs, jobs in America. Part of it could be passing the jobs bill that the President has introduced dealing with the question of infrastructure. One Member who was coming to the meeting said, I was late because of our infrastructure problems. This would create jobs, bring back our law enforcement, police officers and teachers, where classrooms are going up and up and up in size because we don't have enough teachers.

And as you well know, the President has announced that we will be bringing home our valiant troops from Iraq. 150,000 of these young people that will need jobs. Let's get them in a training program where they have to get a stipend that will help support them, legislation that I have introduced.

This last bill that I had to vote against, it's sad that we would take Medicaid to help our small businesses and our vendors, whereas 2 years ago I voted on it because we used the stimulus funds to do so. There are many pay-fors to help small businesses, but what we need to do is to focus on paying and creating—paying people, Amer-

icans, so they can eat and put food on their table. We need to create jobs and stop taking money from Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security.

Let's all work together, pull together, balance this budget on the basis of the fact that the Nation is not broke. We can do this.

JOB CREATION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, not only can we not wait; we can't afford to wait. And here in the House, we haven't waited.

With this week's passage of H.R. 1904, the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2011, and H.R. 674, the repeal of the 3 percent withholding rule on certain payments made to vendors by government entities, the House Chamber now has passed more than 17 job-creating bills in the 112th Congress.

H.R. 1904 will boost development of our Nation's copper resources, generating billions in new revenue and creating new environments for economic growth. Much like the costly Form 1099 requirements that we succeeded in repealing earlier this year, the 3 percent withholding rule would impose substantial new burdens on cash-strapped employers, impeding cash flows and further undermining job creation.

Passage of H.R. 674 will not only create jobs; it will relieve Federal, State and local governments of the need to comply with unfunded administrative burdens that the rule would impose.

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VOW ACT

(Mr. NUGENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, on October 12, 2011, the House took an important step in addressing the alarming number of unemployed veterans currently living within the United States by passing the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act.

Known as the VOW Act, this legislation will confront the rising unemployment problems that our veterans in the U.S. are facing by providing veterans of past eras with additional training benefits, ensuring all transitioning servicemembers have access to a transition assistance program, and by strengthening protections under USERRA for our National Guard and Reserve troops. As a father of three sons currently serving in the United States Army, I have a deep appreciation for the service our men and women in uniform have given to this country.

Additionally, one of my priorities when I came to Washington was to ensure that when our troops return home,